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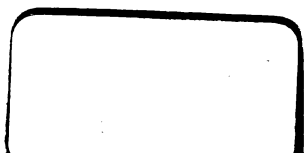
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PREFACE.

THE following pages were drawn up by the compiler in the hope of giving greater definiteness to his own teaching by the bedside of the sick, especially during protracted cases. With this view he has endeavoured so to arrange some of the most striking passages of Holy Scripture, that they may throw their bright rays upon the path of the penitent sinner, while he is being led, step by step, out of darkness into the glorious light of the Gospel of Christ.

Any part may be used by itself, at the discretion of the minister; but the train of thought which is intended to connect the whole is as follows. It is often desirable to commence a course of instruction by reminding the patient that we come to him as the ambassadors of Christ, praying him, in Christ's stead, to be reconciled to God. Then it is commonly necessary to set forth the terrors of the Lord; the death of the body, to which we silently draw nearer day by day; the judgment-seat of Christ, before which we must all stand; and the utter destruction of the un-

godly and impenitent. This leads us to consider, on the one hand, the sinfulness of man, which

“Brought death into the world, and all our woe ;”

and on the other hand, the tender mercy of God, which has provided a remedy. And since this mercy began to take effect, in our own case, when we were each made “a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven,” we are here naturally led to refer to holy baptism and all its blessings, especially that great privilege of drawing near to God with filial confidence when any prodigal son has come to himself. Yet, lest any poor sinner should doubt, there follows a selection of God’s own gracious invitations to His wilful and rebellious children to return to Him. And since “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,” and “before honour is humility,” our attention is next directed to these two graces ; which are also necessary to prepare us for self-examination, that we may see the particular charge against our own souls. As some little help in performing this great duty, certain special precepts have been selected, bearing on various points of our duty towards God and man. From hence we pass on to the doctrines of repentance and the confession of sin,—in some cases to those whom God has commissioned to pronounce pardon in His Name, but at all events to God Himself. Then follows the good tidings of

salvation through the blood of Jesus to those who have repented, confessed, and forsaken their sins : and this seemed a fitting place for the introduction of passages which may help us in meditating on the most holy life and precious death of our Saviour.

Next we proceed to the consideration of that Divine Comforter whose temples we have been made, and are still, if we belong to Christ ; of the prayer and watchfulness which are necessary on our part to secure His aid ; and of the graces of faith, hope, and charity, which it is His especial office to implant and cherish in the Christian's heart. And then follows a section on the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, the highest privilege of the faithful, the best provision for the sick man's last journey, the foretaste of heaven itself—to prepare for a devout reception of which, especially if neglected in times past, has been one great object of the foregoing instructions.

After this we come to the more special duties of the sick room—patience and submission under God's afflicting hand ; leading on to the further grace of thankfulness, even for the pain and suffering which He sees necessary for us ; and all tending to promote our growth in holiness, which consists in our being gradually changed into the image of our Lord.

And now, if ever, at the close of his earthly

pilgrimage, the Christian may venture to copy the example of St. Paul, and dwell in humble, loving, joyful confidence on the gracious promises of God to His saints, both in this world and in that which is to come.

Two more sections conclude the whole,—the one containing passages fitted for those to whom it may please God to restore the blessing of health, and the other offering the consolations which God has mercifully provided for mourners, that we may learn to sorrow as Christians, and not as those who have no hope.

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SECTION I.

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION.

“SON of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.” *Ezek.* iii. 17—19.

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.” *Is.* lviii. 1.

“Preach the word; be instant in season,

out of season ; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." 2 *Tim.* iv. 2.

Jesus said to His disciples, "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost : whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them ; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained." *St. John* xx. 21—23.

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves : for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief : for that is unprofitable for you." *Heb.* xiii. 17.

"Is any sick among you ? let him call for the elders of the Church ; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord : and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up ; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." *St. James* v. 14, 15.

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God." 1 *Cor.* iv. 1.

"And no man taketh this honour unto

himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron." *Heb.* v. 4.

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." *2 Cor.* iv. 7.

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not." *2 Cor.* iv. 1.

"We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." *2 Cor.* iv. 5.

"We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." *2 Cor.* vi. 1.

"We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." *2 Cor.* v. 20.

Prayer.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the

wisdom of the just, that at 'Thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SECTION II.

DEATH, JUDGMENT, HELL.

“MAN that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down : he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.” *Job* xiv. 1, 2.

“All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.” 1 *Pet.* i. 24.

“We all do fade as a leaf.” *Is.* lxiv. 6.

“Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground ; yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.” *Job* v. 6, 7.

“Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.” *Heb.* xiii. 14.

“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” *Heb.* ix. 27.

“By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin.” *Rom.* v. 12.

“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” *Eccles.* xii. 7.

“The Lord our God is righteous in all His works which He doeth.” *Dan.* ix. 14.

“God hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness.” *Acts* xvii. 31.

“The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth.” *St. John* v. 28, 29.

“We must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” *2 Cor.* v. 10.

“I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” *Rev.* xx. 12.

“That servant, which knew his lord’s will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.”

St. Luke xii. 47.

“When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . . Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.” *St. Matt.* xxv. 31—34, 41.

“Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” *St. Matt.* xxv. 30.

“Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” *St. Mark* ix. 44.

“And he shall be tormented with fire and

brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night." *Rev.* xiv. 10, 11.

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." *Heb.* x. 31.

"For our God is a consuming fire." *Heb.* xii. 29.

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." *2 Cor.* v. 11.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

SECTION III.

MAN'S SINFULNESS.

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him." *Gen.* i. 27.

"And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good." *Gen.* i. 31.

"By one man's disobedience many were made sinners." *Rom.* v. 19.

"Adam begat a son in his own likeness, after his image." *Gen.* v. 3.

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." *Psa.* li. 5.

"We were by nature children of wrath." *Eph.* ii. 3.

"The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." *Gen.* viii. 21.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." *Is.* liii. 6.

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." *Rom.* iii. 23.

"In many things we offend all." *Jas.* iii. 2.

"There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." *Eccles.* vii. 20.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" *Jer.* xvii. 9.

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man." *St. Mark* vii. 21—23.

"We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." *Is.* lxiv. 6.

"Your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away." *Hos.* vi. 4.

"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." *Eccles.* viii. 11.

"If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?" *Psa.* cxxx. 3.

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted

with evil, neither tempteth He any man : but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin : and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." *Jas.* i. 13—15.

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 *John* i. 8.

Prayer.

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us ; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

SECTION IV.

GOD'S TENDER MERCY.

"THE Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works." *Ps.* cxlv. 9.

"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." *Ps.* xxxiii. 5.

"He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." *St. Matt.* v. 45.

"God is love." 1 *John* iv. 8.

"God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." *Rom.* v. 8.

"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" *Rom.* viii. 32.

"God will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." 1 *Tim.* ii. 4.

"Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth." *Ps.* lxxxvi. 15.

"The Lord is long-suffering to us-ward, not

willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 *Pet.* iii. 9.

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning." *Lam.* iii. 22, 23.

"The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." *Jas.* v. 11.

"The Lord will not cast off for ever: but though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies. For He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." *Lam.* iii. 31—33.

"As a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord our God chasteneth thee." *Deut.* viii. 5.

"To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him." *Dan.* ix. 9.

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will He keep His anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward

them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." *Ps.* ciii. 8—13.

"Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, He will have compassion upon us; He will subdue our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." *Micah* vii. 18, 19.

"Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." *Heb.* xii. 6.

Prayer.

O LORD, we beseech Thee favourably to hear the prayers of Thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SECTION V.

HOLY BAPTISM.

“JESUS said, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” *St. John* iii. 5.

“He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.” *St. Mark* xvi. 16.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” *St. Matt.* xxviii. 19.

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” *Acts* ii. 38.

“And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the Name of the Lord.” *Acts* xxii. 16.

“By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.” 1 *Cor.* xii. 13.

“One Lord, one faith, one baptism.” *Eph.* iv. 5.

“Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” *Gal.* iii. 26, 27.

“So many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death. Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death : that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” *Rom.* vi. 3, 4.

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.” *Titus* iii. 5.

“Baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” 1 *Pet.* iii. 21.

“Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” 1 *Cor.* vi. 11.

Prayers.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a pure Virgin ; grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit ; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him ; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection, for His merits who died and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION VI.

INVITATIONS TO THE SINNER.

“As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?” *Ezek.* xxxiii. 11.

“Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.” *Mal.* iii. 7.

“Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.” *Is.* lv. 6.

“Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do well.” *Is.* i. 16.

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” *Is.* i. 18.

“Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh unto you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double-minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep : let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.” *Jas.* iv. 8.

“Repent and turn yourselves from all your transgressions ; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed, and make you a new heart, and a new spirit, for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God, wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.” *Ezek.* xviii. 30—32.

“For a small moment have I forsaken thee ; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord, thy Redeemer.” *Is.* liv. 7.

“Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.” *Is.* xlv. 22.

“Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to

the waters, and he that hath no money ; come ye, buy and eat ; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." *Is.* lv. 1.

"And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come : and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." *Rev.* xxii. 17.

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." *St. Matt.* xi. 28.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto Thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him without delay ; grant unto us all, that we, being called by Thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil Thy holy Commandments ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION VII.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD.

“THE fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” *Prov.* ix. 10.

“Fear God, and keep His commandments : for this is the whole duty of man.” *Eccles.* xii. 13.

“By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.” *Prov.* xvi. 6.

“And the Lord said, O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all my commandments always.” *Deut.* v. 29.

“Happy is the man that feareth alway, but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.” *Prov.* xxviii. 14.

“My heart sheweth me the wickedness of the ungodly, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.” *Psa.* xxxvi. 1.

“Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another : and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His Name. And

they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels." *Mal.* iii. 16, 17.

Jesus said, "Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear Him which after He hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear Him." *St. Luke* xii. 4.

"Dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." *2 Cor.* vii. 1.

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." *Phil.* ii. 12.

"Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long." *Prov.* xxiii. 17.

"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will shew them His covenant." *Psa.* xxv. 14.

"He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great." *Psa.* cxv. 13.

Prayer.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy stedfast fear and love ; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION VIII.

HUMILITY.

“EXCEPT ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” *St. Matt.* xviii. 3.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” *St. Matt.* v. 3.

“Be clothed with humility, for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace unto the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.” *1 Pet.* v. 5.

“Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased ; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.” *St. Matt.* xxiii. 12.

“Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly: but the proud He knoweth afar off.” *Psa. cxxxviii. 6.*

“Surely He scorneth the scorners, but He giveth grace unto the lowly.” *Prov. iii. 34.*

“Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord.” *Prov. xvi. 5.*

“Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” *Rev. iii. 17.*

“Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart.” *2 Chron. xxxii. 26.*

“When he was in affliction, Manasseh besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and prayed unto Him: and He was intreated of him, and heard his supplication.” *2 Chron. xxxiii. 12, 13.*

“Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose Name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” *Is. lvii. 15.*

Jesus Christ “humbled Himself, and be-

came obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." *Phil.* ii. 8.

"Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart : and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." *St. Matt.* xi. 29.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility ; mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION IX.

SELF-EXAMINATION.

“THUS saith the Lord of hosts, Consider your ways.” *Haggai* i. 7.

“Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee.” *Is.* xxvi. 20.

“Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.” *Ps.* iv. 4.

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in faith; prove your own selves.” *2 Cor.* xiii. 5.

“If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.” *1 John* iii. 20.

“Let us search, and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord.” *Lam.* iii. 40.

“If we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.” *1 Cor.* xi. 31.

“I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.” *Ps.* cxix. 59.

“How many are mine iniquities and sins? Make me to know my transgression and my sin.” *Job* xiii. 23.

“Examine me, O Lord, and prove me ; try my reins and my heart.” *Ps.* xxvi. 2.

“Try me, O Lord, and seek the ground of my heart ; prove me, and examine my thoughts. Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting.” *Ps.* cxxxix. 24.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid ; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION X.

CERTAIN SPECIAL PRECEPTS.

“How long halt ye between two opinions ? if the Lord be God, follow Him ; but if Baal, then follow him.” 1 *Kings* xviii. 21.

“Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven ;

but he that doeth the will of My Father, which is in heaven." *St. Matt.* vii. 21.

"Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." *St. Luke* xiii. 24.

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." *St. Jas.* i. 22.

"If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." *St. Matt.* xix. 17.

"What thing soever I command you, observe to do it; thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it." *Deut.* xii. 32.

"Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." *1 Cor.* vi. 19.

"I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." *Rom.* xii. 1.

"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus." *Col.* iii. 17.

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." *St. Luke* iv. 8.

“God is a spirit : and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” *St. John* iv. 24.

“No man can serve two masters. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” *St. Matt.* vi. 24.

“Them that honour Me, I will honour, and they that despise Me, shall be lightly esteemed.” 1 *Sam.* ii. 30.

“You shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land to bow down unto it, for I am the Lord your God.” *Lev.* xxvi. 1.

“Thus saith the Lord God, Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols.” *Ezek.* xiv. 4.

“Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name : bring an offering and come into His courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : fear before Him, all the earth.” *Psa.* xcvi. 8.

“When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it : for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee.” *Deut.* xxiii. 21.

“Ye shall keep My sabbaths, and reverence My sanctuary : I am the Lord.” *Lev.* xxvi. 2.

“If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day ; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable ; and shalt honour Him, not doing thine own will, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words ; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord.” *Is.* lviii. 13.

“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.” *1 Cor.* xvi. 2.

“When thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face ; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret ; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” *St. Matt.* vi. 17.

“Blessed are they that mourn ; for they shall be comforted.” *St. Matt.* v. 4.

“Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.” *Is.* lvi. 7.

“They continued stedfastly in the Apostles’ doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” *Acts* ii. 42.

“Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love, and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.” *Heb.* x. 24.

“Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them.” *Rom.* xvi. 17.

“The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.” *2 Tim.* iv. 3.

“Let nothing be done through strife and vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.” *Philip.* ii. 3.

“Ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder: yea, all of you be subject one to another.” *1 Pet.* v. 5.

“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.” *Rom.* xii. 18.

“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking, be put away

from you, with all malice : and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." *Eph.* iv. 31.

"The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water ; therefore leave off contention before it be meddled with." *Prov.* xvii. 14.

"Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people." *Lev.* xix. 16.

"Blessed are the peace-makers : for they shall be called the children of God." *St. Matt.* v. 9.

"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer : and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." 1 *John* iii. 15.

"Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God." *St. Matt.* v. 8.

"No whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." *Col.* v. 5.

"Let him that stole steal no more : but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." *Eph.* iv. 28.

“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.” *St. Matt.* v. 7.

“He shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy.” *St. Jas.* ii. 13.

“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God. That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.” *1 Tim.* vi. 17—19.

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.” *Acts* xx. 35.

“Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in My Name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.” *St. Mark* ix. 41.

“Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.” *St. Luke* vi. 37.

“The lip of truth shall be established for ever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.” *Prov.* xii. 19.

"All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." *Rev.* xxi. 8.

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another." *Eph.* iv. 25.

"Thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him." *Lev.* xix. 17.

"Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them." *Col.* iii. 19.

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church." *Eph.* v. 22, 23.

"Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." *Eph.* vi. 4.

"Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." *Col.* iii. 20.

"Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him." *Prov.* xxix. 20.

"Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man

worketh not the righteousness of God." *St. Jas.* i. 19, 20.

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." *St. Jas.* i. 26.

"Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." *St. Matt.* xii. 36, 37.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." *Prov.* xv. 1.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." *St. Matt.* v. 5.

"Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." 1 *Cor.* ix. 25.

"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life." *St. John* vi. 27.

"Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." *Col.* iv. 6.

"Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:

and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

1 *Pet.* iii. 15.

"O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!" *Deut.* xxxii. 29.

"I am a companion of all them that fear Thee, and of them that keep Thy precepts." *Psa.* cxix. 63.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." *Psa.* cxix. 11.

"Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." *St. Jas.* ii. 10.

"Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all Thy commandments." *Psa.* cxix. 6.

"Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence towards God, and towards men." *Acts* xxiv. 16.

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." *St. Jas.* iv. 7.

"Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall en-

dure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”
St. Matt. xxiv. 12, 13.

“Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.” *1 Cor.* x. 12.

“Little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.”
1 John ii. 28.

“The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.” *Prov.* xvi. 31.

Prayer.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

SECTION XI.

REPENTANCE.

“FROM that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” *St. Matt.* iv. 17.

“I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.” *St. Luke* xv. 10.

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.” *Acts* iii. 19.

“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” *St. Luke* xiii. 3.

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit : a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.” *Psa.* li. 17.

“Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning : and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God : for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil.” *Joel* ii. 12, 13.

“If the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.”
Ezek. xviii. 21, 22.

“Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance. . . . For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this self-same thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge!”
2 Cor. vii. 9—11.

“As ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.” *Rom. vi. 19.*

“Put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit

of your mind ; and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." *Eph.* iv. 22—24.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent ; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECTION XII.

CONFESSION OF SIN.

"HE that covereth his sins shall not prosper : but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." *Prov.* xxviii. 13.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 *John* i. 9.

"And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of

Israel, and make confession unto Ilim ; and tell me now what thou hast done ; hide it not from me." *Josh.* vii. 19.

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." *St. Jas.* v. 16.

"I will acknowledge my sin unto Thee : and mine unrighteousness have I not hid. I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin." *Ps.* xxxii. 5, 6.

"I acknowledge my transgressions : and my sin is ever before me." *Ps.* li. 3.

"O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to 'Thy mercy think Thou upon me, O Lord, for 'Thy goodness." *Ps.* xxv. 6.

"I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes : and I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, . . . we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts, and from Thy judgments." *Dan.* ix. 3—5.

“O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee, but unto us confusion of faces, . . . because of our trespass that we have trespassed against Thee.” *Dan. ix. 7.*

“O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to Thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.” *Ezra ix. 6.*

“I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost: O seek Thy servant, for I do not forget Thy commandments.” *Ps. cxix. 176.*

“I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son.” *St. Luke xv. 18, 19.*

“The publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.” *St. Luke xviii. 13.*

Prayer.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be de-

livered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed : grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

SECTION XIII.

SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

“THOU shalt call His Name Jesus : for He shall save His people from their sins.” *St. Matt.* i. 21.

“There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus ; who gave Himself a ransom for all.” 1 *Tim.* ii. 5, 6.

“If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous : and He is the propitiation for our sins : and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” 1 *John* ii. 1, 2.

“He is despised and rejected of men ; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief : and we hid as it were our faces from Him ; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows : yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities : the chastisement of our peace was upon Him ; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray ; we have turned every one to his own way ; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." *Is.* liii. 3—6.

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." *St. John* i. 29.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." *1 Pet.* iii. 18.

"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree ; that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness : by whose stripes ye are healed." *1 Pet.* ii. 24.

"He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him that died for them, and rose again." *2 Cor.* v. 15.

"God hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin ; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." *2 Cor.* v. 21.

“He loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.” *Rev.* i. 5.

“Jesus Christ gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” *Titus* ii. 14.

“We were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish, and without spot.” 1 *Pet.* i. 18, 19.

“He was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” *Rom.* iv. 25.

“Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.” *Acts* v. 31.

“Neither is there salvation in any other : for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” *Acts* iv. 12.

Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way,

the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of Thy holy apostles, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECTION XIV.

MEDITATIONS ON JESUS.

“IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
St. John i. 1.

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” *St. John* i. 14.

“Christ is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.” *Rom.* ix. 5.

“In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.” *Col.* ii. 9.

“That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honour-eth not the Son, honoureth not the Father which hath sent Him.” *St. John* v. 23.

“Jesus said, I and My Father are one.”
St. John x. 30.

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not : for, behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” *St. Luke* ii. 10, 11.

“And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, His Name was called Jesus.” *St. Luke* ii. 21.

“When they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him : and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts ; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.” *St. Matt.* ii. 11.

“And when they were departed, behold the angel of the Lord appeareth unto Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.” *St. Matt.* ii. 13.

“And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the Temple.” *St. Luke* ii. 46.

“And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them.” *St. Luke* ii. 51.

“And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” *St. Matt.* iii. 16, 17.

“And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him.” *St. Mark* i. 13.

“In that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted.” *Heb.* ii. 18.

“And when He had made a scourge of small cords, He drove them all out of the Temple.” *St. John* ii. 15.

“But Jesus did not commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man.” *St. John* ii. 24, 25.

“My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.” *St. John* iv. 34.

“Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth.” *St. John* iv. 50.

“And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” *St. Luke* iv. 17—19.

“And they were all amazed, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power He commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.” *St. Luke* iv. 36.

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.” *St. Mark* i. 35.

“And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth

His hand, and touched him, saying, I will ; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed." *St. Matt.* viii. 2, 3.

"And, behold, they brought to Him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed : and Jesus, seeing their faith, said unto the sick of the palsy ; Son, be of good cheer ; thy sins be forgiven thee." *St. Matt.* ix. 2.

"He looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts." *St. Mark* iii. 5.

"And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not." *St. Luke* vii. 13.

"And He stretched forth His hand towards His disciples, and said, Behold My mother and My brethren ! For whosoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother." *St. Matt.* xii. 49, 50.

"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests ; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." *St. Luke* ix. 58.

"Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea ; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner

of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!" *St. Matt.* viii. 26, 27.

"They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." *St. Mark* ii. 17.

"The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." *St. Luke* xix. 10.

"And Jesus, when He came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and He began to teach them many things." *St. Mark* vi. 34.

"And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." *St. Matt.* xiv. 26, 27.

"And whithersoever He entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought Him that they might touch if it were but the border of His garment: and as many as touched Him were made whole." *St. Mark* vi. 56.

"Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye

also go away? Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." *St. John* vi. 67, 68.

"Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels." *St. Luke* ix. 26.

"Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light." *St. Matt.* xvii. 1, 2.

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth His life for the sheep." *St. John* x. 11.

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." *St. John* x. 27, 28.

"Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus." *St. John* xi. 5.

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead,

yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." *St. John* xi. 25, 26.

"Jesus wept." *St. John* xi. 35.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." *St. John* xiv. 6.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing." *St. John* xv. 5.

"Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in an agony, He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." *St. Luke* xxii. 42—44.

"Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" *St. Luke* xxii. 48.

"And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly." *St. Luke* xxii. 61, 62.

"Then did they spit in His face, and buf-

feted Him; and others smote Him with the palms of their hands, saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote Thee?" *St. Matt.* xxvi. 67, 68.

"Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man." *St. Luke* xxiii. 4.

"And Herod with his men of war set Him at nought, and mocked Him, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate." *St. Luke* xxiii. 11.

"Then Pilate took Jesus, and scourged Him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote Him with their hands." *St. John* xix. 1—3.

"Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children." *St. Matt.* xxvii. 25.

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." *St. Luke* xxiii. 33, 34.

“And they that passed by ~~railed~~ on Him, wagging their heads. . . . Likewise also the chief priests mocking. . . . And they that were crucified with Him reviled Him.” *St. Mark* xv. 29—32.

“Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with Me in paradise.” *St. Luke* xxiii. 43.

“When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy mother!” *St. John* xix. 26, 27.

“My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” *St. Matt.* xxvii. 46.

“I thirst.” *St. John* xix. 28.

“It is finished.” *St. John* xix. 30.

“And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit: and having said thus, He gave up the ghost.” *St. Luke* xxiii. 46.

“But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.” *St. John* xix. 34.

“And when Joseph had taken the Body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it

in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock." *St. Matt.* xxvii. 59, 60.

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye : for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here : for He is risen, as He said." *St. Matt.* xxviii. 5, 6.

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when He had so said, He shewed unto them His hands, and His side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord." *St. John* xx. 19, 20.

"And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy : and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen." *St. Luke* xxiv. 50—53.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION XV.

GOD THE HOLY GHOST.

“THERE are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are One.” 1 *St. John* v. 7.

“The heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him.” *St. Luke* iii. 21.

“And Jesus, being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from Jordan.” *St. Luke* iv. 1.

Jesus Christ, “through the Eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God.” *Heb.* ix. 14.

“If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children ; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.” *St. Luke* xi. 13.

“Through Christ we have access by one Spirit unto the Father.” *Eph.* ii. 18.

“In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” *Eph.* ii. 22.

“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.” *1 Cor.* xii. 13.

“I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever ; even the Spirit of truth.” *St. John* xiv. 16.

“The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things.” *St. John* xiv. 26.

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” *Acts* ii. 4.

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation ; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him ; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and

wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost." *Heb.* ii. 3, 4.

"Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." *Acts* v. 3.

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." *2 Cor.* iii. 17.

"The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." *Gal.* v. 22, 23.

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." *Eph.* iv. 30.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." *Rom.* viii. 1.

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." *Rom.* viii. 9.

"But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." *Rom.* viii. 11.

“As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” *Rom.* viii. 14.

“The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” *Rom.* viii. 26.

“Quench not the Spirit.” *1 Thess.* v. 19.

“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” *Eph.* iv. 4.

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” *1 Cor.* iii. 16.

“Then had the Churches rest throughout all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.” *Acts* ix. 31.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.” *2 Cor.* xiii. 14.

Prayer.

GOD, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

SECTION XVI.

PRAYER AND WATCHFULNESS.

“Is any among you afflicted, let him pray.”
St. James v. 13.

“In the evening, and morning, and at noon-day will I pray, and that instantly: and He shall hear my voice.” *Psa.* lv. 18.

“Daniel kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God.” *Dan.* vi. 10.

“Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the Lord.” *Is.* xxxviii. 2.

“When thou prayest, enter into thy closet,

and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

St. Matt. vi. 6.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." *St. Matt.* vii. 7.

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it." *St. John* xiv. 13.

"This is the confidence which we have in Him, that if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." *St. John* v. 14.

"I will pray with the Spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also." *1 Cor.* xiv. 15.

"Pray without ceasing." *1 Thess.* v. 17.

"Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." *Phil.* iv. 6.

"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." *St. Mark* xiii. 33.

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.” *St. Matt.* xxvi. 41.

“Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching.” *St. Luke* xii. 37.

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” *St. Luke* xxi. 36.

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance.” *Eph.* vi. 18.

“Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others, but let us watch and be sober.” *1 Thess.* v. 5.

“The end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.” *1 Pet.* iv. 7.

“The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.” *1 Pet.* iii. 12.

“Be watchful, and strengthen the things

which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God." *Rev.* iii. 2.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." *Psa.* lxvi. 18.

"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is His delight." *Prov.* xv. 8.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." *St. James* v. 16.

"We do not present our supplications before Thee for our righteousnesses, but for Thy great mercies." *Dan.* ix. 18.

"O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come." *Psa.* lxxv. 2.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SECTION XVII.

FAITH.

“WITHOUT faith it is impossible to please God: for he that cometh to God, must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” *Heb. xi. 6.*

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” *Heb. xi. 1.*

“We walk by faith, not by sight.” *2 Cor. v. 7.*

“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” *2 Cor. iv. 18.*

“With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” *Rom. x. 10.*

“This is His commandment, That we should believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ.” *1 John iii. 23.*

“These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through His Name.” *St. John xx. 31.*

“Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” *St. John* iii. 15.

“Whom having not seen, ye love ; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory ; receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.” *1 Pet.* i. 8.

“Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief.” *St. Mark* ix. 24.

“Increase our faith.” *St. Luke* xvii. 5.

“Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” *St. John* xx. 29.

“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” *Rom.* x. 17.

“But the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.” *Heb.* iv. 2.

“A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ.” *Gal.* ii. 16.

“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.” *Rom.* iii. 28.

“Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.” *Rom.* v. 1.

“By grace are ye saved through faith ; and that not of yourselves : it is the gift of God.”

Eph. ii. 8.

“Faith worketh by love.” *Gal.* v. 6.

“By works faith is made perfect.” *St. James* ii. 22.

“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” *St. James* ii. 26.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us Thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity ; we beseech Thee, that Thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SECTION XVIII.

HOPE.

“BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 *Pet.* i. 3.

“Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” *Rom.* xv. 4.

“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.” *Psa.* xlii. 11.

“Thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: Thou art my hope even from my youth.” *Psa.* lxxi. 4.

“Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: and whose hope is in the Lord his God.” *Psa.* cxlvi. 4.

“The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him.” *Lam.* iii. 24.

“It is good that a man should both hope

and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.”
Lam. iii. 26.

“The hypocrite’s hope shall perish.” *Job*
viii. 13.

“The righteous hath hope in his death.”
Prov. xiv. 32.

“We are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.” *Rom.* viii. 24.

“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” *1 Thess.* i. 2.

“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.”
Tit. i. 2.

“If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel.” *Col.* i. 23.

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” *1 Pet.* i. 13.

“And we desire that every one of you do

shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end." *Heb.* vi. 11.

"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast." *Heb.* vi. 19.

"Every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself even as He is pure." 1 *John* iii. 3.

"Rejoicing in hope." *Rom.* xii. 12.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." *Tit.* ii. 13.

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." 1 *Cor.* xv. 19.

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost." *Rom.* xv. 13.

Prayer.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and household continually in Thy true religion ; that they who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION XIX.

CHARITY.

“THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.” *St. Matt.* xxii. 37, 38.

“This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments : and His commandments are not grievous.” 1 *John* v. 3.

“O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing that is evil.” *Psa.* xcvi. 10.

“Jesus answered, If a man love Me, he will keep My words.” *St. John* xiv. 23.

“If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maran-atha.” (i. e. accursed when the Lord shall come to judgment). 1 *Cor.* xvi. 22.

“Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.” *Eph.* vi. 24.

“If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” 1 *John* ii. 15.

“God is love ; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” 1 *John* iv. 16.

“There is no fear in love ; but perfect love casteth out fear : because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love Him, because He first loved us.” 1 *John* iv. 18, 19.

“The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.” 2 *Thess.* iii. 5.

“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another ; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” *St. John* xiii. 34, 35.

“Beloved, let us love one another : for love is of God ; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God ; for God is love.” 1 *John* iv. 7, 8.

“Above all things have fervent charity among yourselves : for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.” 1 *Pet.* iv. 8.

“Love worketh no ill to his neighbour : therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.” *Rom.* xiii. 10.

“Charity suffereth long, and is kind ; charity

envieth not ; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil ; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth ; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." 1 *Cor.* xiii. 4—7.

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering ; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any : even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." *Col.* iii. 12—14.

"If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him ; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent ; thou shalt forgive him." *St. Luke* xvii. 3, 4.

"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar." 1 *John* iv. 20.

"He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a

murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." 1 *John* iii. 14, 15.

"If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." *St. Matt.* vi. 14, 15.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." *Eph.* iv. 31, 32.

"I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." *St. Matt.* v. 44, 45.

"When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly." *St. Matt.* vi. 3, 4.

“Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.” *Psa.* xli. 1.

“He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and that which he hath given will He pay him again.” *Prov.* xix. 17.

“Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.” *St. Matt.* xxv. 40.

“God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His Name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” *Heb.* vi. 10.

“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” *1 Cor.* xiii. 13.

Prayer.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee: grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

SECTION XX.

THE HOLY COMMUNION.

“JESUS said, I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” *St. John* vi. 51.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him.” *St. John* vi. 53—56.

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” *St. John* vi. 63.

“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to

the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it: for this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." *St. Matt.* xxvi. 26—28.

"I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. . . . For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." *1 Cor.* xi. 23—28.

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body; for we

are all partakers of that one bread." 1 *Cor.* x. 16, 17.

"He was known of them in the breaking of bread." *St. Luke* xxiv. 35.

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." *Acts* ii. 42.

"Upon the first day of the week, the disciples came together to break bread." *Acts* xx. 7.

"What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that He hath done unto me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord." *Psa.* cxvi. 11.

"I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord: and so will I go to Thine altar." *Psa.* xxvi. 6.

Prayer.

WE will not presume to come to Thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property

is always to have mercy ; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

SECTION XXI.

PATIENCE AND SUBMISSION.

“IN your patience possess ye your souls.”
St. Luke xxi. 19.

“Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” *Heb.* vi. 12.

“Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.” *Heb.* x. 36.

“Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith ; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." *Heb.* xii. 1, 2.

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." *St. Jas.* i. 2—4.

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." *2 Cor.* iv. 16, 17.

"We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." *Rom.* v. 3.

"What glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God." *1 Pet.* ii. 20.

“Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.” *St. Jas.* v. 7, 8.

“Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the Name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord.” *St. Jas.* v. 10, 11.

“Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.” *1 Pet.* iv. 19.

“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” *Rev.* ii. 10.

“I waited patiently for the Lord: and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.” *Psa.* xl. 1.

“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.” *Psa.* xxxvii. 7.

“The will of the Lord be done.” *Acts* xxi. 14.

"It is the Lord : let Him do what seemeth Him good." 1 *Sam.* iii. 18.

"My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord ; neither be weary of His correction : for whom the Lord loveth He correcteth ; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." *Prov.* iii. 11, 12.

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous : nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." *Heb.* xii. 11.

"He fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me : nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt." *St. Matt.* xxvi. 39.

"Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept Thy word. . . . It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn Thy statutes." *Psa.* cxix. 67, 71.

"Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?" *Lam.* iii. 39.

"I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against Him." *Micah* vii. 9.

“All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.” *Job* xiv. 14.

Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto Thy people that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise ; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION XXII.

THANKFULNESS.

“In every thing give thanks : for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” *1 Thess.* v. 18.

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord ; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” *Eph.* v. 19.

“By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His Name.” *Heb.* xiii. 15.

“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.” *Col.* i. 12.

“Offer unto God thanksgiving: and pay thy vows unto the most Highest. And call upon Me in the time of trouble: so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise Me.” *Psa.* l. 14, 15.

“Whoso offereth Me thanks and praise, he honoureth Me.” *Psa.* l. 23.

“O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and shew ourselves glad in Him with psalms.” *Psa.* xcv. 1, 2.

“O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name.” *Psa.* c. 4.

“When they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: He delivereth them out of their distress. . . . O that men would therefore praise the

Lord for His goodness : and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men !”

Psa. cvii. 28, 31.

“ Praise the Lord, O my soul ; while I live will I praise the Lord : yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.”

Psa. cxlvi. 1.

“ I will magnify Thee, O God, my King : and I will praise Thy Name for ever and ever. Every day will I give thanks unto Thee : and praise Thy Name for ever and ever.” *Psa.* cxlv. 1, 2.

“ All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord : and Thy saints give thanks unto Thee. They shew the glory of Thy kingdom : and talk of Thy power ; that Thy power, Thy glory, and mightiness of Thy kingdom : might be known unto men.” *Psa.* cxlv. 10—12.

“ It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord : and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O most Highest ; to tell of Thy loving-kindness early in the morning : and of Thy truth in the night season.” *Psa.* xcii. 1, 2.

“ At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee because of Thy righteous judgments.” *Psa.* cxix. 62.

“Seven times a day do I praise Thee because of Thy righteous judgments.” *Ps.* cxix. 164.

“Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.” *2 Cor.* ix. 15.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places (*or things, margin*) in Christ.” *Eph.* i. 3.

“Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” *1 Cor.* xv. 57.

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.” *Rev.* v. 12.

“Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.” *Rev.* v. 13.

Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; we bless Thee for our creation, pre-

servation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

SECTION XXIII.

HOLINESS.

“God hath chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.”

Eph. i. 4.

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God

hath before ordained that we should walk in them." *Eph.* ii. 10.

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." 1 *John* iii. 10.

"As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous." *Rom.* v. 19.

"Jesus Christ is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." 1 *Cor.* i. 30.

"He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 2 *Cor.* v. 21.

"Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." *St. Matt.* v. 20.

"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." *Rom.* vi. 13.

"Being made free from sin, and become

servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." *Rom.* vi. 22.

"Ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." *Eph.* v. 8.

"For God has not called us to uncleanness, but unto holiness." 1 *Thess.* iv. 7.

"Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." *Rom.* xii. 9.

"Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." *Heb.* xii. 9.

"Let every one that nameth the Name of Christ depart from iniquity." 2 *Tim.* ii. 19.

"Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples." *St. John* xv. 8.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." *St. Matt.* v. 6.

"The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever." *Is.* xxxii. 17.

"O that my ways were made so direct, that I might keep Thy statutes! So shall I not be ashamed: while I have respect unto all Thy commandments." *Psa.* cxix. 5, 6.

“They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.” *St. Luke* i. 6.

“Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” *1 Tim.* vi. 11.

“Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” *Phil.* iv. 8.

“We beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.” *1 Thess.* iv. 1.

“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification.” *1 Thess.* iv. 3.

“Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” *2 Pet.* iii. 18.

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to

brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." *2 Pet.* i. 5—8.

"Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." *Phil.* i. 11.

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." *Phil.* iii. 13, 14.

"As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." *1 Pet.* i. 15.

"Let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous." *1 John* iii. 7.

Prayers.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon

us Thy mercy; that Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION XXIV.

REWARDS OF THE RIGHTEOUS.—HEAVEN.

“ENOCH walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.” *Gen.* v. 24.

“The Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning.” *Job* xlii. 12.

“Behold there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” 2 *Kings* ii. 11.

“Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.” 1 *Tim.* iv. 8.

“All things work together for good to them that love God.” *Rom.* viii. 28.

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.” *Is.* xxvi. 3.

“When a man’s ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.” *Prov.* xvi. 7.

“And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?” 1 *Pet.* iii. 13.

“The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.” *Psa.* cxxxi. 7, 8.

“Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.” *Psa.* xxxiv. 19.

“The righteous is taken away from the evil to come.” *Is.* lvii. 1.

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation.” 2 *Pet.* ii. 9.

“God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” 1 *Cor.* x. 13.

“The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich; and He addeth no sorrow with it.” *Prov.* x. 22.

“Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness.” *Psa.* cxii. 4.

“In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart: Thy comforts have refreshed my soul.” *Psa.* xciv. 19.

“The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.” *Prov.* iv. 18.

“Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right: for that shall bring a man peace at the last.” *Psa.* xxxvii. 38.

“Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in Thy presence is the fulness of joy: and at Thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.” *Psa.* xvi. 12.

“In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and

prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." *St. John* xiv. 2, 3.

"We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 *Cor.* v. 1.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be : but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him ; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 *John* iii. 2.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith : henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day : and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 *Tim.* iv. 7, 8.

"An inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." 1 *Pet.* i. 4, 5.

"It shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God ; we have waited for Him, and He will save us : this is the Lord ; we have waited

for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." *Is.* xxv. 9.

"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." *St. Matt.* xiii. 43.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." *Dan.* xii. 3.

"Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." 1 *Cor.* xiii. 12.

"The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." *Is.* xxxv. 10.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit." 1 *Cor.* ii. 9, 10.

"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb,

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple : and He that sitteth upon the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more ; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb, which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters : and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." *Rev.* vii. 14—17.

"And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain : for the former things are passed away." *Rev.* xxi. 4.

"And there shall be no night there ; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun ; for the Lord God giveth them light : and they shall reign for ever and ever." *Rev.* xxii. 5.

"And I saw no temple therein : for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it : for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." *Rev.* xxi. 22, 23.

Prayer.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION XXV.

THOUGHTS ON RECOVERY.

“THE Lord hath chastened and corrected me: but He hath not given me over unto death.” *Ps. cxviii. 18.*

“Their soul abhorred all manner of meat: and they were even hard at death's door. So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: He delivered them out of their distress. He sent His word, and healed them: and they were saved from their destruction. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness: and declare the wonders

that He doeth for the children of men !” *Ps.* cvii. 18—21.

“ Jesus said, Were there not ten cleansed ? but where are the nine ? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.” *St. Luke* xvii. 17, 18.

“ Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole : sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.” *St. John* v. 14.

“ I waited patiently for the Lord : and He inclined unto me, and heard my calling. He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay : and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth : even a thanksgiving unto our God.” *Ps.* xl. 1—3.

“ Whether we live, we live unto the Lord ; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord : whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living.” *Rom.* xiv. 8.

“ Epaphroditus longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. For indeed he

was sick nigh unto death : but God had mercy on him ; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.” *Phil.* ii. 26.

“ I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart : and I will glorify Thy Name for evermore. For great is Thy mercy toward me : and Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell,” (*or* grave, *margin*). *Psa.* lxxxvi. 12.

“ The dead praise not Thee, O Lord : neither all they that go down into silence. But we will praise the Lord : from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.” *Psa.* cxv. 17, 18.

“ I will go into Thine house with burnt-offerings : and will pay Thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth when I was in trouble.” *Psa.* lxvi. 12.

“ Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His holy Name. Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all His benefits ; who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thine infirmities ; who saveth thy

life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness." *Ps. ciii. 1—4.*

"I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice, and my supplications. Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me : I found trouble and sorrow. Then I called upon the Name of the Lord : O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous ; yea, our God is merciful. The Lord preserveth the simple : I was brought low, and He helped me. Return unto thy rest, O my soul ; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. . . . What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me ? I will receive the cup of salvation, and will call upon the Name of the Lord. I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all

His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord." *Ps. cxvi.*

"O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee: and Thou hast healed me. Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell: Thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit. Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of His: and give thanks unto Him for a remembrance of His holiness, for His wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in His pleasure is life: heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: Thou, Lord, of Thy goodness hast made my hill so strong. Thou didst turn Thy face from me: and I was troubled. Then cried I unto Thee, O Lord: and gat me to my Lord right humbly. What profit is there in my blood when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust give thanks unto Thee: or shall it declare Thy truth? Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be Thou my helper. Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy: Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with

gladness. Therefore shall every good man sing of Thy praise without ceasing: O my God, I will give thanks unto Thee for ever.”
Ps. xxx.

For Hezekiah’s thanksgiving, see *Is. xxxviii.*

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who, for our many and grievous sins against Thee, mightest most justly have cut us off in the midst of our days, but in the multitude of Thy mercies hast hitherto spared us; accept we most humbly beseech Thee, our unfeigned sorrow for our past transgressions, and grant that we may never so presume on Thy mercy, as to despise the riches of Thy goodness; but let Thy forbearance and long-suffering lead us to repentance and amendment of life, to Thy honour and glory, and to our final acceptance and absolution at the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION XXVI.

THOUGHTS FOR THOSE THAT MOURN.

“COMFORT ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God.” *Is.* xl. 1.

“As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.” *Is.* lxvi. 13.

“I will not leave you comfortless, I will come unto you.” *St. John* xiv. 18.

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort ; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” *2 Cor.* i. 3.

“The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away ; blessed be the Name of the Lord.” *Job* i. 21.

“Then David arose from the earth, and washed and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped : then he came into his own house ; and when he required, they set

bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? Thou didst fast and weep for the child while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." 2 *Sam.* xii. 20.

"Jesus said, Thy brother shall rise again." *St. John* xi. 23.

"It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning: but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth." *Eccles.* vii. 2.

"My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." *St. Matt.* xxvi. 38.

"Behold, and see if there is any sorrow like unto My sorrow, which is done unto Me,

wherewith the Lord hath afflicted Me in the day of His fierce anger." *Lam.* i. 12.

"I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God : and the dead in Christ shall rise first : then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air : and so shall we be ever with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 *Thess.* iv. 13—18.

"For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised : and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain ; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in

Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept." 1 *Cor.* xv. 16—20.

"I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth : yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours ; and their works do follow them." *Rev.* xiv. 13.

"Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." *Ps.* cxvi. 13.

"It is sown in corruption ; it is raised in incorruption : it is sown in dishonour ; it is raised in glory : it is sown in weakness ; it is raised in power : it is sown a natural body ; it is raised a spiritual body." 1 *Cor.* xv. 42—44.

"As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." 1 *Cor.* xv. 49.

"Behold I shew you a mystery : we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump : for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put

on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying which is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 *Cor.* xv. 52—55.

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." *Num.* xxiii. 10.

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work." 2 *Thess.* ii. 16.

Prayer.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by His holy Apostle St. Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in Him; we meekly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life,

we may rest in Him, as our hope is this our *brother* doth ; and that at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight ; and receive that blessing, which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear Thee, saying, Come ye blessed children of My Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world : grant this we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

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